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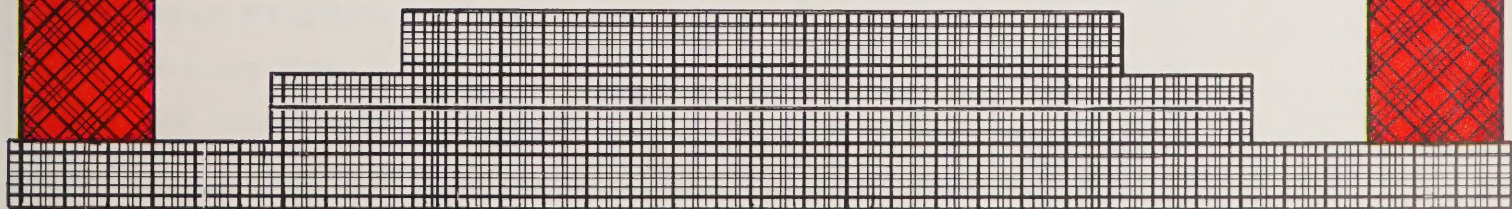
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SECRETARY'S PAGE

In slightly more than a month from the time you receive this issue our "Dedication Reunion" will be in progress. It is wonderful to be getting back into the hum of things and to renew the pre-Reunion activities because that seems to be the motivating factor in stimulating interest among our members to make preparations for the Reunion. Our parties have been planned and we have every reason to believe that this forth-coming Reunion is going to be a tremendous one.

We do not lose sight of the fact that this is our Bicentennial year and we have had many Masonic activities during the early months of this year to remind us of our 200th birthday. All of these activities seemed to reach their climax with the 4th of July celebrations. That was a glorious day indeed, and surely we were all thrilled with the television coverage which was given to it on that day. But now, activities in every phase of our living seem to have been on the decline so far as the Bicentennial theme is concerned. This, of course, should not be and it is largely for this reason that we selected the theme of "Dedication" for our Reunion.

We have not been idle during the summer. We have participated in many Masonic activities and one of the most important of these was the laying of the cornerstone for the new Masonic Temple on Ocracoke Island. This ceremony was conducted by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina with the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Leslie H. Garner of Greenville, presiding. Another Scottish Rite member from the Valley of New Bern is the Master of this Lodge, Worshipful Brother Irvin Garrish, and he and practically all of the members of his Lodge together with a large number of visitors, participated in the ceremony and, in general, treated everyone with the gracious hospitality for which this Island is noted.

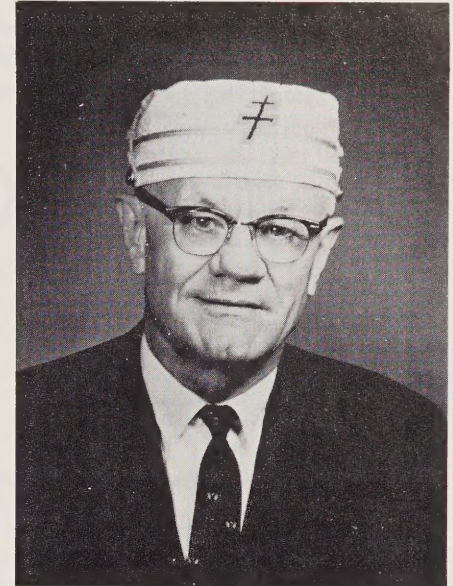
Our First Aid Chairman, Brother Alvin Stilley, 32°, passed away during the summer months, and true to his usual high degree of thoughtfulness and efficiency, he left a complete list of those Brethren who had assisted him in the work of the First Aid Committee. He was Chairman of this committee and he succeeded in giving to it real meaning. To succeed him the Venerable Master has appointed Brother Randall L. Downey, who is excellently qualified for this type of work. Brother Downey will continue the good work that Brother Stilley started.

We are omitting from this issue the Tentative Program for the Reunion which we usually include. This will be published in the November issue.

The Supreme Council has issued a new book written by Grand Commander Clausen, entitled "Masons Who Shaped Our Nation". This will be on sale for \$3.00 each during the Reunion, or you may order a copy now. "Commentaries on Morals and Dogma" also by our Grand Commander, are likewise available from our office.

Club Presidents and Ambassadors are asked to contact their schools and libraries concerning their desire to receive copies of "Dynamic Freedom" which will be made available to them free of charge. Let us know how many you need.

Remember, our big task right now is to contact those prospective candidates for our "Dedication Reunion" on November 9, 10 and 11. Let our Scottish Rite Clubs, our Ambassadors, our Court of Honour and all others dedicate themselves to a great Reunion.

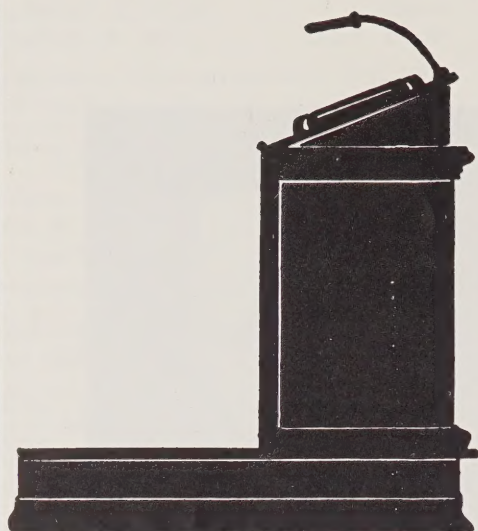


R. L. PUGH, 33°

Sincerely,

R. L. Pugh

Robert L. Pugh, 33°
Secretary



From The Classroom



BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

The Call of the High Road

Permit me to point out a fundamental truth at the outset of this article. There is nothing higher than our Christian Religion. It was based upon the Life and the Message of Jesus Christ. Surely, Jesus walked on the High Road. He wanted to attract the best and the highest within us. The life that He lived, and the message that He gave us was the highest known to man. Think, for example, of these words taken from the Sermon on the Mount. ("Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do you even so unto them".) This was a simple, but great truth, and one that we were admonished to keep our sights on.

Now I would like to mention another great truth. There is no movement that stands any closer to the Christian Religion than Scottish Rite Masonry. The proof of this lies in the fact that much of our philosophy is based upon the Supreme Architect of the Universe and His *Teachings*. May I repeat, Jesus wanted to bring out the best and the highest within each one of us. It would have been hard to do this with a cheap easy-going philosophy of any kind. This type of message could not call for the best that is within us.

In almost every degree within the Scottish Rite, it has as its underlying thesis Man's behavior not only toward Himself

and his family, but also toward his neighbors, and toward his God. We have heard it said over and over again that the Scottish Rite will make you a better person for having gone that way. I ask each one of you that simple question, now. Aren't you a better person for having taken the degrees of Scottish Rite Masonry. Could you, and would you endorse it before men?

The highlights of many of the degrees go to the very core of our daily living, and it is truly an uplifting experience. One cannot help but see and hear *The Call of the High Road*.

It is strange, however, that many of us give up on our *Spiritual Absolutes*, saying that they are too high; but in other fields of endeavor we insist on *Perfection*. Our modern developments in electronics have given us many impossible things, such as computing machines and other devices. The trips to the moon by our various astronauts have shown almost intricate and perfect timing from the *Take-off* to *Splash-down*.

The Call of the High Road is what makes our world an interesting and challenging place to live. That is why we have spaceships, two hundred-inch telescopes, satellites, jet planes, hydrogen and atomic power, not to mention automation and television.

The Call of the High Road is why millions of dollars are being spent each year

on research in Chemistry, Biology and Physics. It is why men try unceasingly to run the four minute mile, or to pitch a perfect baseball game, or to try to abolish disease. The Call of the High Road is what prompted Dr. Jonas Salk to give to the world the vaccine that cured polio, which ravaged the lives of many, many people, and which we hope in our time will bring us a cure for cancer.

Endlessly, this Call of the High Road goes on and on.

My friends, Jesus knew that our human spirit would die, shrivel up and decay if men were not called upward and outward towards the idea of a perfect life, by heeding the call that comes from walking on the High Road.

So I say in conclusion, a human soul is a pathetic soul that never reaches upward, outward and towards a higher type of living. It is not the High Road that defeats us, but it is the Call of the High Road that keeps us moving in the right direction, and sets our feet upon the way.

Such is the call of the Scottish Rite which acts as a supplement complement to our Christian Religion, which is the underlying basis for our Masonic Movement.

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Speaking With The Ladies: When we arrived in Vietnam in the early 1960s' the American intelligence officer was surprised to see a Vietnamese riding a donkey - while his wife, loaded down with bundles, trudged along behind. Upset at the lack of chivalry, he approached the man and asked: "Why do you ride while your poor wife walks behind?"

"Custom," grunted the man, jogging past.

A few years later, the officer was visiting the same village and spied the man again - he was still riding the donkey, but now his wife preceded him down the road. "You probably don't remember me," said the officer, "but you told me a few years ago that your wife walked behind you because of custom. But, now I see she's in front. Why the change?"

"Land mines," came the reply.

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Husband (to wife trying on new hat): "Of course you can buy it, dear. I like that middle-age look it gives you."

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A mild little man returned from his wife's funeral on a windy, stormy day. He had just reached home when a tile was blown from the roof and hit him on the head. "My," he exclaimed, "she certainly got to heaven fast!"

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Housewife: "Do you mind escorting me out to the garbage can, dear?"

TO THE TEACHERS OF AMERICA
Teachers of teachers! Yours the task,
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To watch, to guard the sacred fount

That feeds the streams below;
To guide the hurrying flood that fills
A thousand silvery rippling rills
In ever-widening flow.

Rich is the harvest from the fields
That bounteous Nature kindly yields,
But fairer growths enrich the soil
Ploughed deep by thought's unwearied
toil

In Learning's broad domain.
And where the leaves, the flowers, the
fruits,

Without your watering at the roots,
To fill each branching vein?
Welcome! the Author's firmest friends,
Your voice the surest Godspeed lends.
Of you the growing mind demands
The patient care, the guiding hands,
Through all the mists of morn.
And knowing well the future's need,
Your prescient wisdom sows the seed
To flower in years unborn.

Oliver Wendell Holmes

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Speaking In Quotes: A bit of fragrance
always clings to the hand that gives you
roses.

—Chinese Proverb

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By the time the average man learns
where he stands, his knees have buckled.

—Rex Mobley

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In playing golf often the most difficult
lie to get out of is the one made in the
locker room.

—Vesta Kelly

The man who sees both sides of an issue
very likely is on the fence - or up a
tree.

—Chas. Ruffing

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Most of us have often regretted our
speech, but seldom our silence.

—Tid-Bits, London

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It's getting harder and harder to support
the government in the style to which
it is accustomed.

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Sometimes the poorest judges of distances
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able to make both ends meet.

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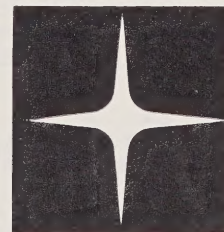
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Husband: "Why that?"

Wife: "I want to be able to tell the neighbors that we go out together once in a while."

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Men say women can't be trusted too far; women say men can't be trusted too near!

* * *

Mark Twain once debated the question of polygamy with a Mormon acquaintance. The discussion became heated, and finally the Mormon resorted to the Bible for his affirmative clincher. "Can you tell me of a single passage of Scripture wherein polygamy is forbidden?"

"Certainly," Twain replied. "No man can serve two masters."

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A young bride-and-groom-to-be had just selected the wedding ring. As the girl admired the plain platinum and diamond band, she suddenly looked concerned. "Tell me," she asked the elderly salesman, "is there anything special I'll have to do to take care of this ring?"

With a fatherly smile, the salesman said: "One of the best ways to protect a wedding ring is to dip it in dishwater three times a day."

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Speaking In Jest: The harried stockbroker was suffering with insomnia, never got to sleep before dawn, then slept right through the alarm and so never made it to the office on time. Upon being reprimanded by his boss, he decided to consult a doctor. The doctor gave him some sleeping pills, and that night he fell asleep immediately and experienced a pleasant rest. In the morning, he awoke before the alarm rang, jumped out of bed with verve and vigor. When he arrived at his office promptly, he told his boss: "Those pills I got from my doctor really work."

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During the early Spring, Crown Point Blue Lodge No. 708 of Greenville honored one of its distinguished and most active members, Brother Jesse R. Laughinghouse, 32°, K.C.C.H., with a presentation of his portrait. The presentation was made during a delicious banquet hour during which Brother Ed Hartsell, 32°, acted as Master of Ceremonies. The then Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother S. Frank Noble, Jr., 33°, was present for the presentation and extended his appreciation of the services Brother Laughinghouse had rendered. The portrait later was hung in the Jesse Laughinghouse Lounge, where all who enter the Temple may have an excellent view of one who has rendered unselfish service. Shown in the portrait are: left to right, Brother Ed Hartsell, 32°; the Grand Master, S. Frank Noble, Jr., 33°; Jesse R. Laughinghouse, 32°, K.C.C.H., and his wife, Hilda.

I had no trouble waking up this morning."

"That's nice," the boss replied. "But where were you yesterday?"

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Epitaph for the tombstone of a cool musician: "Man, this cat is really gone."

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Historians at the Aztec pyramids in Mexico have finally deciphered the last words of the famous emperor Montezuma, found inscribed upon an ancient scroll: "Will someone tell those d--- Marines to stop singing in the halls?"

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A drunk and his inebriated friend were sitting at a bar.

"Do you know what time it is?" asked the drunk.

"Sure," said the friend.

"Thanks," said the drunk.

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An ingenious artist-friend of ours recently gave us a foolproof method for sculpting an elephant: "First, you get a huge block of granite; then you chip away everything that doesn't look like an elephant."

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The next phase in the space race is sure to make headlines: Scientists are planning to put three hundred head of cattle into orbit. It'll be the herd shot round the world.

Speaking From His Book: Freely ye have received, freely give.

Matthew 10:8

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SOMETHING ELSE

Reynold Davenport, 33°

I remember years ago when all the kids I knew were convinced if you dug a hole straight down and deep enough you would come out in China. A couple of us tried it one time and it was about as discouraging a proposition as I ever faced. The first couple of feet were not too bad, the soil was reasonably loose and it was early in the morning. The deeper we got, though, the more roots and rocks and hard soil we encountered, and the hotter the sun got. As the day wore on we wore out. Along about noon, or maybe earlier, we decided that whatever it was we were wanting to do in China could wait a week or so. It's just as well we gave it up, I've since learned a straight hole will not exit in China at all.

About the same time we got a new preacher. You talk about a "fire and brimstone" preacher, this one talked about Hades as if he had personal knowledge or inside information. A youngun listening to him could fairly see old Satan and his imps stoking the fires and ramming pitchforks into everybody. And the preacher said Hades was right down there in the center of the earth.

After church the preacher went home with us, and after dinner I sort of sidled up to him and asked him if you had to pass through Hades on your way to China. I was dead serious in the matter but he thought I was acting smart alecky,



Reynold S. Davenport, 33°

and said so. Daddy agreed with him and slapped me about four feet west of my previous position and I lost whatever interest I might have still had in going to China through Mother Earth. I never even went back and checked the hole.

I had plenty else to keep me busy, anyhow. Back in those days you had to be willing to do anything the other fellows did or you were "yellow." You had to dive off the railroad trestle - it looked like it was ninety feet from the water the first time I had to do it; you had to swing aboard a freight as it moved past the station, climb the ladder and walk along the tops for five boxcars before the train got to moving too fast for you to get

off; you had to walk to the cemetery by yourself at night and blink a flashlight when you got there so the other fellows could see you were actually there; you had to smoke a cigar, ride a hog, climb a pine, pick up live crabs, chew tobacco, and perform all sorts of daring feats.

The supreme test for bravery, though, involved my grandmother's attic.

My uncle, a doctor, had acquired a human skeleton somewhere along the way and, perhaps tiring of its company, had stored it in Grandmother's attic. It probably was not a particularly distinguished skeleton, as skeletons go, but it was nevertheless about the most horrifying thing a boy could ever expect to look at and still hope to live after the experience.

The older boys thought up the idea of

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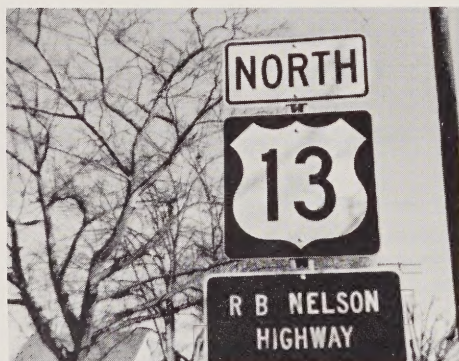
New Bern, North Carolina

a test for bravery involving this skeleton. Along about dusk they would congregate at the front of Grandmother's yard and the boy to be tested had to go all alone into the house and up the stairs to the attic, pass right by the skeleton and stick his fingers through a little hole in one of the gable windows. When the other boys saw the fingers in the hole they would let out a tremendous shout. They knew the other boy had actually gone past the skeleton, there was no other way to get to the window.

We younger boys looked on - terrified! This was something none of us wanted to do, but we knew we would have to. And we did.

I will never forget my solo journey to the attic. It was dark enough that in every corner there lurked a deep shadow, concealing only the Lord knows what monstrous evils. When I walked - or skittered - past the skeleton I was determined not to look at it, but I couldn't help myself. And it looked at me. It grinned at me, winked at me, leered at me. How I made it to the window I'll never know. When I finally stuck my fingers through the hole I thought the other boys would never shout so I'd know they'd seen me and I could leave that place. When, finally, after what must have been an hour or so, they acknowledged my fingers, I left the attic at a speed I'd give a thousand dollars to be able to reach today. I went past the skeleton too fast to see what kind of face it was making, but I think it rattled at me.

I've been in a few other heart-pounding situations, but that one surely topped them all.



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The Day of the Common Man

American people have come through a traumatic experience in the affairs of the nation - particularly so in the last few years! Over and over again in the days which lie ahead, amidst the very active political leaders, men will be reminded of the dirt, looseness, and immorality which have pervaded the vitals of men and nation. Need it be so forever?

Paraphrasing a statement which has become the basis for this article: "Justice will not prevail, righteousness will not flow as a mighty stream till we have multitudes of practicing (Masons). This is the day of the common man. He has the vote now in almost every land. And too many common men are not (practioneers) of the (designs set forth on the trestleboard by the Great Architect of the Universe.)" We have the "know-how"; but we do not possess the "will-how"!

There is a story, well known to the most of us, concerning the conversation of farmer and the minister. The minister was complimenting the farmer over his grand crop of grain and how grateful he should be for the fact that God had provided the sunshine and the rain, as well



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as the minerals in the ground. After listening to the exhortation on gratitude to God for His work in causing the grain to grow, the farmer philosophically replied: "You should have seen the field

when God had it by Himself!" This story vividly points to the necessity for human involvement in God's work throughout the world. As the uncultivated field, there is no production without man's participation in the divine plan. I am firmly convinced that whenever and wherever Masons cooperate with God's plan justice will flow, righteousness will exalt the nation, and peace shall pervade the lands. It is for this that Masonry exists. It is by this that her manly art is judged.

No one who looks about him could deny that the Almighty is at work in the world today. The basic problems of our age are caused simply by the fact that men and nations are not cooperating with the workings of the Great Architect. Since He is eternally at work, it must be a matter of men getting together and participating in His endeavor to make

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a better world. Sobering - but nevertheless true - God can only work with the materials at hand! Are we truly "living stones fit for the Master's use?"

"The most beautiful ritual and work that I have ever seen or experienced was in a Masonic Lodge". So said a friend of mine. I am disposed to agree with him. Some of the most challenging lessons that have ever come to me have come therefrom. Yet, I would be wise to ask myself if the beauty is all that there is to it. There is a vast difference, my brothers, between proficiency and efficiency! Proficiency without effective living is conducive to leisurely bathing ourselves in emotion while losing ourselves in indifference. The value of a man's life is measured not by what moves him to feeling; rather, it is measured by what moves him to action. A man's history is not written according to the number of years he lives - but by what he did with the years he was privileged to live.

Yes, this is the day of the common man - common, not in the sense that he is just ordinary - but common in that each and every one of us has a part in the building of the spiritual edifice. Not all can be Masters of the work; not all can be Superintendents - but all can be significantly involved in the work. Our work shall be judged by what use we made of the tools placed in our hands.

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Dreams are the stuff that life is made of - but simply to dream is not enough. There must be that something within us which makes dreams come true. We call it dedication, industry, integrity and character. Truth, honesty, industry - these, along with Justice, support the real building of life and life's values. Great dreams, great lessons, great lives - all of these come from simple beginnings. Every great ambition must have a com-

mon beginning - a point of embarkation. It is in the heart that the dedication is made; it is with the beginning that the end is reached.

If Masonry makes a significant headway in our needy world it will be because you and I - the common man - make a difference where we live and love and work. The Temple will ever be incomplete until each of us become living stones for its completion.

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

When our beloved brother, Raymond Pollock, 32°, K.C.C.H., passed away during the month of June, one of our Brethren made a contribution to the Almoner's Fund in memory of him. Brother T. J. (Buz) Mitchell, III made a contribution to this fund, and to our knowledge this was the first time in many a year that such a memorial had been contributed.

It is such a good way to remember those whom we love and we thought we would pass the idea along to you in order that you might perhaps use this same medium of memorializing some good friend or Brother.

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NEW BERN LODGE OF PERFECTION NO. 6

ARTICLE I

Name - Authority - Meetings

Section 1. This body shall be known as New Bern Lodge of Perfection No. 6, and exists by a charter granted October 18, 1911 by the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, to which Supreme Council it owes and yields allegiance.

Section 2. The stated meetings of this Lodge of Perfection shall be held on the second Monday of each month at 8:00 o'clock P.M.; provided, however, that the stated meetings in July and August may, by order of the Lodge, be dispensed with.

Section 3. A special meeting may be called by the Venerable Master for the transaction of such business as may be transacted at a special meeting, or for work, whenever he may deem the same necessary; but no business shall be transacted at said special meeting other than that for which it shall have been called.

Section 4. Due notice of said special meeting shall be mailed to each member by written or printed notice, and the nature of the business to be transacted shall be stated therein; provided, however that when said meeting is called only for the purpose of receiving or balloting upon petitions under a special dispensation or for the purpose of conferring degrees, the said notice may be omitted.

Section 5. The time and number of reunions held each year shall be decided by the Inspector General's Advisory Conference unless otherwise ordered by the New Bern Lodge of Perfection No. 6, in conjunction with the other Bodies of the Rite.

ARTICLE II

Election and Appointment of Officers

Section 1. The elective officers shall be the Venerable Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Orator, Almoner, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected and installed annually at the stated meeting held the second Monday night in March of the current year; provided further, that the Secretary elected by the New Bern Lodge of Perfection No. 6 shall also serve as Registrar or Secretary for the three other Bodies; namely: New Bern Chapter of Rose Croix, New Bern Council Knights of Kadosh, and New Bern Consistory, for the year in which elected; also one Trustee shall be elected for a term of four years.

Section 2. The appointed officers shall be the Prelate, Master of Ceremonies, Expert, Assistant Expert, Captain of the Host, and the Tiler, who shall be appointed by the Venerable Master and who shall hold their respective offices during his will and pleasure.

ARTICLE III

Duties and Compensation of Officers

Section 1. The Venerable Master shall preside at all meetings and shall see that the Statutes, edicts, rules, and regulations of the Supreme Council, and the by-laws of this New Bern Lodge of Perfection are enforced. It shall be his special duty to see that the dignity and standing of Scottish Rite Masonry is preserved and maintained. He shall not vote, except when electing officers, balloting on candidates, and when members are equally divided on other questions. He shall sign all warrants drawn of the Treasurer.

Section 2. The Senior Warden, Junior Warden and Orator, respectively, shall

assist the Venerable Master in the performance of his duties, and perform such other duties as may be required of them.

Section 3. The Almoner shall have charge of the Box of Fraternal Assistance and shall distribute the fund in accordance with the requirements of the Rite.

Section 4. The Secretary shall make an accurate account of the proceedings of the New Bern Lodge of Perfection and record the same in a book kept for that purpose; receive all monies in behalf of the Lodge and deposit them in a bank or banks as may be from time to time designated by the New Bern Lodge of Perfection; conduct the correspondence of the Lodge; have charge of the Seal and of the records; and perform such other duties as pertain to his office, or as may be required of him. At the expiration of his term of office, and upon the election and qualification of his successor, he shall deliver to said successor all records, books, papers and all other property of the Lodge in his possession and control. For his services the Secretary shall receive such compensation as is set annually by the Budget Committee and shall be allowed such clerical assistance as may be deemed necessary by the Budget Committee.

Section 5. The Secretary shall provide for the Treasurer a duplicate deposit slip for each deposit made, properly initialed by an officer of the bank as evidence that the money has been properly placed to the credit of the New Bern Lodge of Perfection.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall countersign all vouchers received from the Secretary. For his services he shall receive such compensation as may be set by the Budget Committee each year.

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Section 8. The Tiler shall perform such duties as pertain to his office. For his services he shall receive such compensation as may be set each year by the Budget Committee.

ARTICLE IV

Fees and Dues

Section 1. The fees for the degrees of the New Bern Lodge of Perfection from the Fourth through the Fourteenth, inclusive, together with a copy of Clausen's Commentary on Morals and Dogma, and the Fourteenth Degree ring, shall be Sixty Dollars (\$60.00), which fees, in all cases shall be paid by the candidate before receiving any of the degrees.

Section 2. The dues shall be Six Dollars (\$6.00) per annum for all members, subject to amendments of the By-Laws.

Section 3. Should any member be two years or more in arrears for dues, the Secretary shall at the expiration of the said time, notify him that he has thereby become liable to suspension, which said notice shall be given by letter sent to his last known address. At the expiration of thirty (30) days thereafter, if his said dues remain unpaid, the Secretary shall report the proceedings to the New Bern Lodge of Perfection for its action, which may thereupon suspend him. In the event of suspension of a member for any cause, notice of suspension shall be mailed him by letter sent to his last known address.

Section 4. A Life Membership in this New Bern Lodge of Perfection, without assessment of dues, may be granted to any member of the Lodge upon the payment by the said member of a sum of money representing the product of the annual dues for that particular year

multiplied by 20, and the dues for the current year into the treasury of this Lodge, and upon the filing of his application for said Life Membership. If such life member fails to maintain his membership in a Master Mason's Lodge; or should he be suspended or expelled from this New Bern Lodge of Perfection, then said Life Membership shall terminate.

ARTICLE V

Petitions

Section 1. All petitions shall be in writing and, when received, shall be laid over until the next stated meeting unless otherwise provided by special dispensation from the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in North Carolina.

Section 2. Due notice of the ballot upon any candidate shall be given by the Secretary to each member in such manner as the Lodge may from time to time direct; and no ballot shall be taken thereon until said notice shall have been given, except when special dispensation is granted by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in North Carolina.

Section 3. No member shall give the information to any person, not a member of the Rite in good standing concerning applicants or proposals for degrees, except as herein provided in relation to the duty of the Secretary, and on rejection of any proposal or petitioner, no member or visitor shall disclose the name of any person so rejected, or the name of any brother who may have opposed his proposal or petition for admission, under the penalty, if a member, of expulsion; and if a visitor, of never being permitted to visit this Body again or become a member thereof; and that all brothers may be advised of this by-law,

the Venerable Master shall read or cause it to be read immediately after the rejection of any candidate and the Secretary shall include a copy of this section with each list of names for ballot.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. The Secretary, Treasurer, Clerks and all other employees shall each be required to give surety bonds in a sum considered adequate by the Budget Committee, the fee to be paid by the New Bern Lodge of Perfection.

Section 2. All requests for donations and contributions shall be referred to the Budget Committee for approval and then referred back to the Lodge at the next regular meeting for action.

ARTICLE VII

Committees

Section 1. The Inspector General's Advisory Conference (I.G.A.C.). In accordance with the Supreme Council's regulation as enacted in the 1973 session, the Executive Committee of the Consistory is herewith dissolved and is replaced by the Inspector General's Advisory Conference, consisting of four members initially, one of these four is to serve for one year, one for two years, one for three years, and one for four years. After serving the initial term, each thereafter will be elected for a term of four years. Each Conference member whose full term expires must remain off the Conference for at least one year before he can be eligible to serve again. The Advisory Conference shall assume all duties and responsibilities heretofore assigned to the Executive Committee; namely, to arrange for and have charge of all Reunions and other affairs in which the four Bodies

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shall be jointly interested, with power and authority to appoint any and all sub-committees necessary and proper, and to define their powers and duties. Provided that in any matter coming before the Conference where the decision is not unanimous, any member of the Conference may have the question taken to the New Bern Lodge of Perfection for final settlement. This Conference shall have the power and authority to appoint a Director of the Work and all other departmental Directors and members who may be deemed necessary for the proper conduct of the degrees and their annual remuneration shall be such as set by the Budget Committee. The Sovereign Grand Inspector General's personal representative (at present, the Secretary) is to be given the title and responsibility of: Chairman of Inspector General's Advisory Conference. At the end of each calendar year, the nomination of a successor to the Advisory Conference shall be made by the Inspectors General of the Court of Honour. At or before the stated meeting in December of each year the Advisory Conference shall engage the services of a Certified Public Accountant at a compensation set annually by the Budget Committee. It shall be his duty to audit the books and accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer of the New Bern Lodge of Perfection and to render an annual financial statement and report so that it may be read at a regular meeting following the audit.

Section 2. The Budget Committee. The Budget Committee shall consist of the Board of Trustees and the Advisory Conference whose duty it shall be to prepare a budget for the ensuing year and to perform such other duties as may be provided by the By-laws, or as may be

referred to it by the Lodge of Perfection.

Section 3. At the stated meeting of the Lodge of Perfection in February of each year the Budget Committee through its Secretary shall make a report of its transactions during the preceding year, showing the receipts and disbursements together with such additional matters as it may deem to be of importance to the New Bern Lodge of Perfection and necessary for its operation.

Section 4. Unless otherwise provided, all committees shall be appointed by the Venerable Master, and with such duties and for such purposes as the Lodge may from time to time authorize. Committees already authorized and approved by the Lodge of Perfection include the following:

- The First Aid Committee
- The Committee on Membership
- The Committee on Ritual
- The Committee on Aphasia
- The Committee on Americanism

ARTICLE VIII

General Provisions - Board of Trustees

Section 1. The Board of Trustees shall consist of four (4) members, one from each Body and shall be elected at the regular election thereof. Their term of office shall be so arranged that one member shall expire each calendar year. Each Trustee shall hold his office until his successor is elected. They shall be the legal custodians of all real and personal property of the four Bodies and they shall have full charge of and upkeep of the Temple and see that it is kept in proper condition and repair for the use of the Bodies.

Section 2. Immediately after the annual election shall have been held, the Trus-

tees shall organize and elect a Chairman. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Trustees, the Inspector General, or Deputy of the Supreme Council being ex-officio President of the Board of Trustees, but not entitled to a vote except in case of a tie.

Section 3. The said Board of Trustees shall fix its time of meeting and adopt such By-laws for its own government as it may deem proper.

Section 4. In the event of the death or resignation of a Trustee, the Body in which he was elected shall, at its next stated meeting, elect a successor.

Section 5. At the stated meeting of the New Bern Lodge of Perfection in February of each year, the said Board, through its Secretary, shall make a report of its transactions during the preceding year together with such additional matters as it may deem to be of importance to the Body.

Section 6. The Secretary shall issue a bulletin prior to each Reunion of the Consistory, which shall be sent to each member of the four Bodies and which shall contain notice of all regular meetings, programs for Reunions, and such other information as may seem desirable, and it shall also contain a section devoted to appropriate and fitting obituary notices of members deceased during the year.

ARTICLE IX

Expenditure of Scottish Rite Funds and the Financial Obligation to the Rite of its Members

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orize or enter into any contract purchase, agreement or covenant which shall involve finances of the Scottish Rite Bodies except those authorized to do so, and then only in the prescribed manner.

Section 2. Any member desiring to purchase any material or article of supplies, enter into any contract, or otherwise expend monies belonging to the Scottish Rite, other than for the payment of rent, salaries and public utilities, shall first secure and institute a voucher or authorization to purchase. Such voucher shall state:

- The date of the request.
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- The reason therefor.
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Section 3. In no case shall the person who approves the voucher or purchase order be the same person who institutes such voucher. After materials covered by the voucher are received shall be initialed by the institutor thereof. Only after such voucher has been thus initialed shall it be approved for payment.

Section 4. The Budget Committee shall scrutinize all vouchers and shall inform the Sovereign Grand Inspector General's Advisory Conference of any irregularities found therein.

Section 5. The Sovereign Grand Inspector General's Advisory Conference shall adopt such rules and regulations which in its discretion may be necessary to implement this article and each section thereof.

ARTICLE X

Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to these By-laws, unless otherwise provided for by special dispensation, shall be in writing and shall be presented and read at a stated meeting and laid over until the next stated meeting for action; notice of which, setting forth the proposed amendment shall be published in the official organ of the Lodge and a copy mailed to each member. At said stated meeting, if two-thirds of the members present shall vote in the affirmative the amendment shall be declared to be adopted, and shall become effective when it is approved by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General

in North Carolina, or the Deputy of the Supreme Council.

ARTICLE XI

All Scottish Rite Clubs formed within the jurisdiction of the New Bern Consistory shall operate under By-laws approved by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in North Carolina. Each club shall render to the New Bern Consistory an annual report of its activities together with a list of its officers.

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**PROPOSED BY-LAWS FOR:
 NEW BERN CHAPTER KNIGHTS
 ROSE CROIX NO. 5
 NEW BERN COUNCIL KNIGHTS
 KADOSH NO. 4
 NEW BERN CONSISTORY NO. 3**

The proposed By-Laws for the three Bodies listed above are exactly the same as those for the Lodge of Perfection with the exception of:

- Difference in the title of the officers for each of the Bodies.
- The amount of the fees, which is \$30.00 for each of the three Bodies.
- The amount of the dues, which is \$3.00 for each of the three Bodies.
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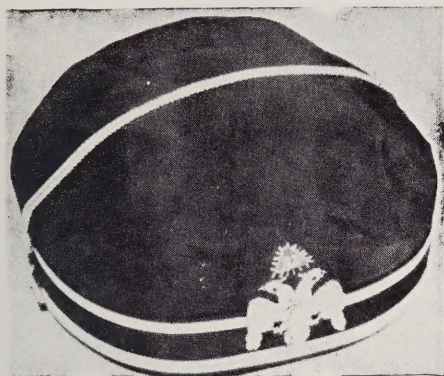
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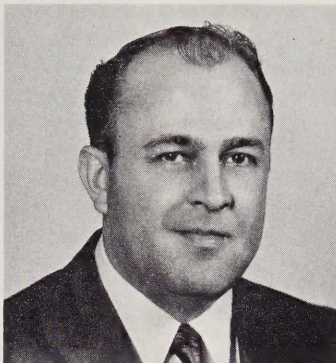


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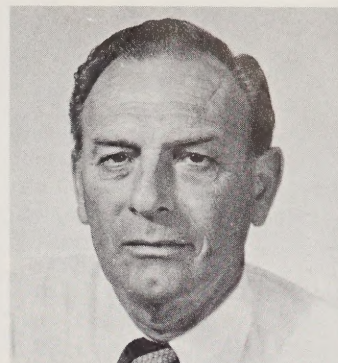
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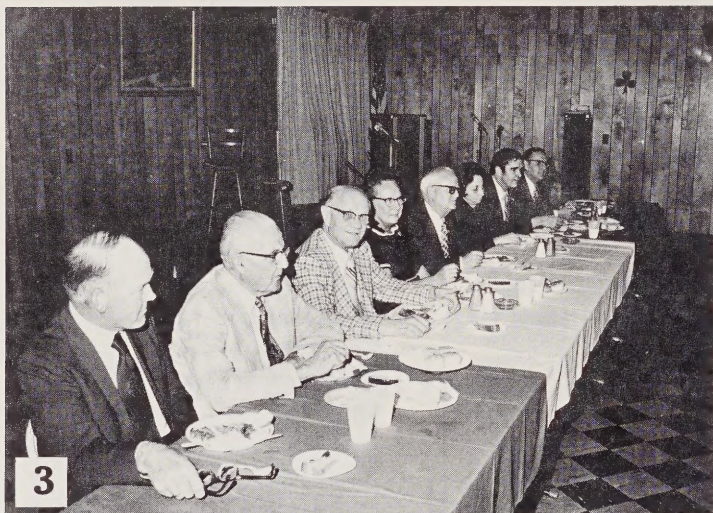
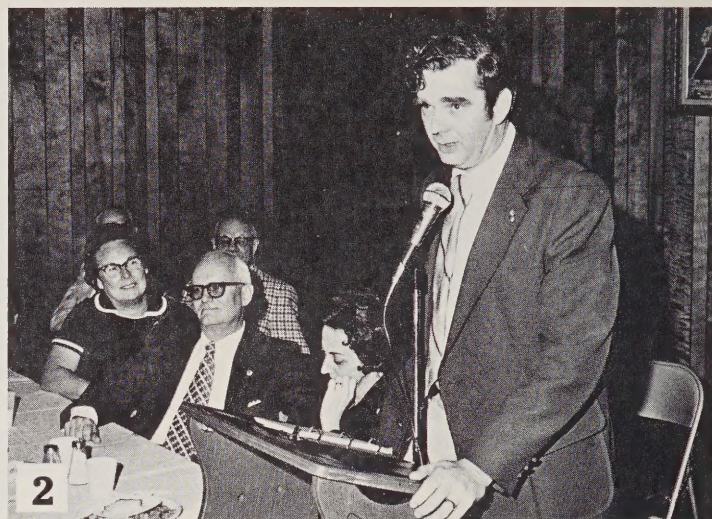
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1. A view of the large audience waiting for the meal to be served.

2. Rev. and Brother Jim Coile addressing the group.

3. The head table.

4. Joe Rhem Taylor and his father. The father became a 32° Mason during our last Reunion.

5. An excellent program of music was rendered by this family group.

6. Making announcements concerning the forthcoming Reunion.

SCOTTISH CLUBS RITE



Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club

The Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club held their regular meeting Sunday, May 2, at the Washington Masonic Lodge on W. Fifth Street. This was a covered dish supper with each member bringing their choice. Henry Jones and Peck Lassiter, with their wives, served as hosts. Twenty-nine members were in attendance.

In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the immediate Past President, Peck Lassiter, presided. Henry Jones gave the invocation.

Carl and Bette Sleeper were the guests of Jimmie and Helen Saleeby. The Sleepers are originally from York, Pa. and they are considering locating in Washington.

Jimmie Saleeby became a 32° Mason when he attended the Scottish Rite Reunion in New Bern in April.

During the business meeting, Robert Mohler, Secretary, presided. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were approved.

A lengthy discussion of the condition of the charcoal grills was concluded when Robert Mohler informed the group that he would discuss it with our President and he agreed to have the grills ready to use by June 6, our regular scheduled meeting, which will be a charcoal steak cookout. Each member is to bring their own steaks and utensils with the club

furnishing all of the accessories. Meyer Libman and Jimmie Saleeby, with their wives, will host the occasion.

Ashley G. Leggett, K.C.C.H.

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The Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club held their regular meeting Sunday September 12 at the Washington Masonic Lodge on the Pactolus Highway. There were forty members and their wives present.

There was a covered-dish supper with Jimmy and Helen Saleeby with Lloyd Nixon and Herman Jones serving as host.

Lloyd Nixon presided and Henry Jones gave the invocation.

Mary and Bill Roebuck were guest of the club. The Roebucks recently moved to Washington from Belhaven where he was the City Clerk. They are residing on River Road.

During the business session, Carl Sleeper reported that one of the new charcoal cookers had been completed and he would have the other one ready for the October meeting.

President Lloyd Nixon urged all members to remember the dates of the Fall Reunion on November 9-10-11 in New Bern and he said that the time to seek candidates was now.

Ashley Leggett informed the group the necessity of acquiring candidates. He also explained why there has been no publicity of the July and August meetings.

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The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday October 3 to be held at the Washington Lodge. This will be a charcoal steak cook-out with John Quante and Ray Alexander with their wives serving as host.

President Nixon read a letter from the Texas Gulf Co. offering their services regarding programs.

Ashley Leggett, Henry Jones and Bob Mohler with their wives were asked to serve as host for the Christmas Party.

Ashley Leggett, K.C.C.H.

Dare Scottish Rite Club

The Dare Scottish Rite Club met at 8 P.M. on July 14, at the Masonic Temple in Manteo.

The meeting was called to order by our President, Brother Reuben Payne, 32°, K.C.C.H.

The invocation was given by Bro. Ray Midgett, 32°.

The minutes of the March meeting were read by Bro. Robert Wechter, 32°, and were approved by the membership.

The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Plans are being prepared for a Ladies Night meeting this fall after the tourist season is over.

The club voted to give a life membership to Bro. W. W. Johnston who received his 32° on November 23, 1923.

Certificates of recognition for outstanding work in our county were discussed.

Bro. Reuben Payne, who suffered fractures from a fall from a ladder, was welcomed back. He expects to be off the walker in a few weeks.

Refreshments served were enjoyed by those present.

Robert W. Wechter, 32°, Secretary

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Labor Day, tourists, politicians, and hurricanes have been with us this summer and we have managed to get along with them.

Our club at present has thirty-four paid up members for 1976.

We hope to have a Ladies Night for the candidates and members in October.

Fraternally yours,
Robert Wechter, 32°, Secretary

East Carteret Scottish Rite Club

The East Carteret Scottish Rite Club held its first meeting in three months on September 6, 1976. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Bro. Tom Carraway. There were twelve members and two officers present.

Bro. Carraway and the Brethren discussed the forthcoming reunion in November. It appears that we have some excellent candidates lined up and that we will have a large contingent from our area taking the beautiful and impressive degrees of Scottish Rite Masonry that mean so much to all of us.

October 30 is the date for our next Ladies Night to be held at the Carteret County Shrine Club. We are looking forward to a large turnout of members, candidates and their ladies.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday night, October 4, 1976 at Franklin Lodge No. 109, Turner Street, Beaufort.

After the benediction by Bro. Billy Springle the meeting was closed and we retired downstairs for refreshments of ice cream and cake.

Fraternally,
Ottis R. Jefferson, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer

Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club

The Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club had a called meeting on July 23, 1976 at the Elizabeth City Masonic Temple.

This was the annual shrimp supper. The meeting was called to order by our President, Eddie Paul, III, 32°, and the invocation was given by Walter Kirby, 33°.

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LADIES' NIGHT PARTY, WASHINGTON, MARCH 19, 1976



Shown in the above photo are the principal participants in the Scottish Rite Ladies' Night Party held in Washington last Spring. From left to right, they are: Ashley Leggett, 32°, K.C.C.H., who served as Master of Ceremonies for the occasion; the Rev. and Brother Willis Wilson, 32°, popular Scottish Rite after dinner speaker; and Lloyd Nixon, 32°, the President of the Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club, together with Secretary Bob Pugh.

The shrimp were delicious and enjoyed by 104 brethren and ladies. We had our President's mother and father from New Bern, N. C. as guests. We also had several members and ladies from Perquimans Scottish Rite Club. All enjoyed themselves very much. After the dinner, Brother Walter Kirby, 33°, announced that we still needed to contribute to the drapes for our Bicentennial Room at New Bern. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Fraternally,
T. R. Dabbs, Secretary

Havelock-Cherry Point Scottish Rite Club

The Havelock-Cherry Point Scottish Rite Club met at Cherry Point Masonic Hall, 110 Oakwood Drive at 9:00 P.M. on June 3, 1976. Bro. Jack O'Rourke, President, called the meeting to order. The following officers were present: Bros. Walt Perry, V.P., James L. Smith, Treasurer, Mark Stamps, Secretary. Sixteen

other members were present. Several brothers expressed ideas for better attendance participation and to stimulate more interest in Scottish Rite activities. One idea advanced was to encourage more members from Havelock-Cherry Point to seek active parts on degree teams at regular Scottish Rite Reunions as new recruits are needed to replace older members and to substitute for degree team members who are not able to attend reunions. We are all urged to attend regular Scottish Rite monthly meetings at New Bern to show others we are interested in Scottish Rite Masonry.

A proposal was made and accepted that our club have a dutch dinner for members and wives some time this summer for a social and fraternal get together to promote fellowship and formulate plans to seek new Scottish Rite members.

President O'Rourke appointed a committee of three members, Bro. Charlie Moore, Chairman, Bros. Jim Woodliever and Charles Rexroad, to report back plans, place, menu, etc. at next regular meeting July 1st. Our club is going to try equal

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our last Scottish Rite reunion in new members. We had nine candidates. There being no further business, the meeting was closed with prayer by Bro. John Ballard.

Mark Stamps, Secretary

Morehead City Scottish Rite Club

The Morehead City Scottish Rite Club held its regular meeting Aug. 23 in Ocean Lodge No. 405. The meeting was called to order by Bro. Harvey Hardy, President. Bro. Hardy informed the brethren of Ladies' Night, Sat., Aug. 30th at 7:00 in the Carteret County Shrine Club. Alton S. Lancaster will be the guest speaker. All members, prospective candidates and their guests are invited. There were 21 members present.

Harry Rivers,
P.M., Secretary

Onslow-Lejeune Scottish Rite Club

The Onslow-Lejeune Scottish Rite Club met on Monday evening, August 30, at the Riverview Cafe in Sneads Ferry with a record attendance of 64 members and visitors present, filling the Party Room to capacity.

Leonard Dooley, President, presided over the meeting, and Royden Caulk, Jr. gave the invocation.

A delicious seafood dinner and very warm fellowship was enjoyed by those attending this meeting.

After the dinner, President Dooley expressed the clubs appreciation to Jim Brulet and Bill Quidley for the attractive Scottish Rite Club sign they presented the club. This sign was prominently displayed outside the Party Room door.

President Dooley announced that the next meeting would be held on September 13, at the Temple in New Bern just prior to the meeting of the Lodge of Perfection No. 6. A discussion followed as to where the next dinner meeting would be held. A suggestion was made that it be held at

the Back Swamp Community Building. A show of hands indicated that the majority of present approved this suggestion. George Roberts, 33°, announced that the

Fall Ladies Night Party would probably be held at the Moose Lodge on the 29th of October, but that announcements would be mailed prior to the party.

President Dooley gave a short report on a book by Brother Henry Clausen, Sovereign Grand Commander, entitled "Masons Who Helped Shape Our Nation."

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Royden Caulk, Jr.

Morris E. Jones
Secretary-Treasurer

In Memoriam

	Date of Death
Rodolph Dallas Noble, 32°, Kinston, N. C.	March 18, 1976
Robert W. Barnum, 32°, Swansboro, N. C.	April 29, 1976
Worth B. Gregory, 32°, Elizabeth City, N. C.	February 20, 1976
Sheridan Hart Mansfield, 32°, Kinston, N. C.	April 8, 1976
Edward Murtone Denbo, 32°, Durham, N. C.	April 12, 1976
James Frank Sullivan, 32°, Jacksonville, N. C.	April 20, 1976
Donald G. Matthews, Jr., 32°, Hamilton, N. C.	March 26, 1976
Charles Norman Killmon, 32°, Morehead City, N. C.	November 9, 1975
Donald Gray Gardner, 32°, Havelock, N. C.	May 3, 1976
Dixie D. Roberson, 32°, Robersonville, N. C.	May 2, 1976
Jesse T. Wilkinson, 32°, Aurora, N. C.	May 1, 1976
Luter Benjamin Parker, 32°, Wilson, N. C.	July 13, 1975
Britton F. Scott, 32°, Washington, N. C.	March 9, 1976
Vannie Loyce Hughey, 32°, Elizabeth City, N. C.	November 27, 1975
Norris M. Vallandingham, 32°, Fayetteville, N. C.	May 12, 1976
Arthur John Prebish, 32°, Greenville, N. C.	May 12, 1976
Homer G. Glunt, 32°, Twenty-nine Palms, Calif.	May 6, 1976
Julian E. Winslow, 32°, Hertford, N. C.	October 25, 1975
Henry Bosson, 32°, Kristianstad, Sweden	April 9, 1976
Kenly H. McGee, 32°, Ormond Beach, Fla.	May 14, 1976
Graham Davis Bizzell, 32°, New Bern, N. C.	June 9, 1976
James Edward Blaylock, 32°, K.C.C.H., New Bern, N. C.	June 16, 1976
Raymond Pollock, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H., New Bern, N. C.	June 18, 1976
Owen Kenneth Garner, 32°, New Bern, N. C.	June 12, 1976
Robert Bascomb Ashley, 32°, Naples, Fla.	March 4, 1976
Teddy Alexander Kory, 32°, Fayetteville, N. C.	May 22, 1976
Jerry Wade Finch, 32°, Bailey, N. C.	May 30, 1976
Neafie B. Scarborough, 32°, Washington, N. C.	June 1, 1976
Luther Churchill Perry, 32°, Washington, N. C.	June 2, 1976
Luttie Talmage Harris, 32°, Durham, N. C.	June 9, 1976
Frank Shields Pittman, 32°, Scotland Neck, N. C.	June 20, 1976
Herbert Alan Smith, 32°, New Bern, N. C.	June 20, 1976
Bennie Kemptos, 32°, Havelock, N. C.	June 25, 1976
William Chilton Howard, Sr., 32°, Kinston, N. C.	June 26, 1976
Leslie Harold Hall, 32°, Kinston, N. C.	May 22, 1976
John Edwin King, 32°, Farmville, N. C.	February 14, 1976
Jesse Vernon Rowe, 32°, New Bern, N. C.	July 31, 1976
Alvin Levi Stilley, 32°, New Bern, N. C.	July 31, 1976
Roscoe Maynard Whitley, Jr., 32°, New Bern, N. C.	August 5, 1976
Clifton R. Ireland, 32°, Bayboro, N. C.	August 5, 1976
Peter T. Kunenetz, 32°, New Bern, N. C.	August 13, 1976
W. Kenneth Cuyler, 32°, Durham, N. C.	July 12, 1976
Harry Sheldon Davis, 32°, Beaufort, N. C.	July 29, 1976
James Linwood Fannery, 32°, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.	August 4, 1976
Frank Albert Grantham, 32°, Morehead City, N. C.	August 10, 1976
William Frederick Carrico, 32°, Rocky Mount, N. C.	July 15, 1976
Ray W. Chadwick, Sr., 32°, Havelock, N. C.	September 3, 1976
Benjamin Leroy Parker, 32°, Trenton, N. C.	September 11, 1976
Harry Leith Kimball, 32°, Spring Lake, N. C.	August 14, 1976
Ernest Haywood Lee Huff, 32°, New Bern, N. C.	September 16, 1976

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